

Tso language

Tso (Tsóbó, Lotsu, Cibbo) is one of the Savanna languages of eastern Nigeria.

Dialects

The language is known as *nyi tsó*, while the people are known as *Tsobo* [tsó-bó]. The ethnic subgroups are,^[3]

- Bərbou
- Swaabou
- Gusobu

A subsection of the Gusobu may also live in Luzoo settlement.

Each ethnic subgroup speaks a different Tso dialect. The Swaabou and Gusobu reportedly have trouble understanding each other. Tso lexical diversity is partly due to the tradition of word tabooing.^[3]

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Tso	
<i>nyi tsó</i>	
Native to	eastern Nigeria
Native speakers	(16,000 cited 1992) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo - Atlantic–Congo - Waja–Kam - Waja - Cham–Mona Tso
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ldp
Glottolog	tsoo1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/tsoo1241) ^[2]

Tsó	
People	tsó-bó
Language	nyi tsó

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